

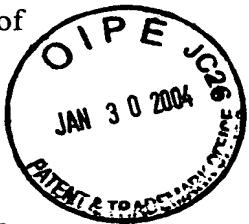
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In re patent application of

Soeda, N.

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For: MAGNETIC DISK APPARATUS WITH SEPARATE PRINTED-CIRCUIT BOARDS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003. A check for the Request for Continued Examination in the amount of \$770.00 and extension fee in the amount of \$110.00 is attached. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,

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